

CITY OF BURTON
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

A Regular Meeting of the Burton City Council at 5:30 p.m. was held on
TUESDAY, JANUARY 9, 2024, in the Burton City Hall
at 12200 E. Mulberry Street Spur 125, Burton, Texas.

Members Present:

Mayor Karen Buck

Councilmember Jeff Eckhardt

Councilmember Macey Tidwell

Councilmember Tommie Gilmon

Councilmember Paul McLaughlin

Members Absent: Councilmember Nathan Kalkhake

Others Present: City Secretary Angela Harrington, Utility Clerk Rachel Belvin, Utility Contractor Dustin Lozano.

Citizens Present: Sarah Forsythe (Banner Press), Laura Capehart (Republic) & Emily Cash.

Mayor Karen Buck called the meeting to order at 5:30 pm. A quorum was established and all in attendance were led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Citizen Presentations - None

CONSENT AGENDA

- (1) **Minutes of the December 12, 2023 Regular Meeting**
- (2) **Financial Reports-Revenue & Expenditures**
- (3) **Mayor's Report – Attached**
- (4) **City Secretary's Report – Attached**
- (5) **Utility Report – Attached**

A motion was made by Councilmember McLaughlin and seconded by Councilmember Tidwell to **ACCEPT** the consent agenda.

FOR: Eckhardt, Gilmon,

AGAINST: None

The motion passed.

DISCUSSION, CONSIDERATION AND/OR ACTION TO APPROVE, ACCEPT, DENY, REMOVE OR TABLE ON:

1. **Amended Budgets for Fiscal Year 2023-2024 Reflecting Actual Income and Expenses for the Third Quarter of the 2023-2024 Fiscal Year**

A motion was made by Councilmember Eckhardt and seconded by Councilmember Gilmon to **APPROVE**.

FOR: McLaughlin, Tidwell

AGAINST: None

The motion passed.

2. **Approve the Closing of N. Railroad St. from FM 390 (W. Washington St.) to the Post Office Drop Box for Ranger Day on March 9, 2024 from 8am to 8pm.**

The City Secretary explained that this is a routine item on the agenda every year. A motion was made by Councilmember Tidwell and seconded by Councilmember McLaughlin to **APPROVE**.

FOR: Eckhardt, Gilmon

AGAINST: None

The motion passed.

3. **Discussion of the Waste Disposal Needs of Burton**

Mayor Karen reviewed the needs that have been identified by her and city staff that our residential and commercial customers are needing. Closeable, lockable and able to dump while locked dumpsters were a must have. Most residential issues tended to be truck compaction, the stench produced and treatment of resident's private property (trash cans). Several questions were posed and fruitful discussion was held.

Council Entered into Executive Session at 6:21pm.

Council Reconvened into the Regular Meeting. No further discussion or action took place.

Notes:

- City Council Regular Meeting – Tues. February 13, 2024 at 5:30 pm at City Hall
- City Hall will be closed

The Meeting was adjourned at 6:45 pm.

FOR: Eckhardt, Gilmon, McLaughlin, Tidwell

AGAINST: None



Mayor Karen Buck

ATTEST:



City Secretary Angela Harrington

Mayor's Report – January 2024

It has been a short time in the office since our last meeting due to the holidays. But...the last month of activities included...

+Regarding the buzzard mitigation – visited with a citizen regarding her concerns about the process; visited with a restaurant owner; heard from many other citizens regarding their problems with the buzzards

+Attended the pre-construction meeting with Bradley from BEFCO regarding the water line work in South Burton.

+Began work on a TCEQ Water Conservation Plan. Also realized that we need a lot more information about our water system before we can complete it.

+Submitted an application to TCEQ for assistance with our water system.

+Attended a meeting with Rachel and Garry Smith with Texas Rural Water Association regarding the Lead and Copper Rule (reported on at December meeting).

+Attended the Burton Fire Department Christmas Party.

+Rachel and I met with representatives from two waste disposal companies regarding what services they can provide for us regarding our commercial waste issues surrounding buzzards and secure dumpsters.

+Prepared a Spreadsheet of Waste Disposal Needs for the City of Burton. Sent copies for comments out to Council Members.

+Meet with State Rep. Kyle Kacal and Sharlee Douglass(Chappell Hill Water Supply) regarding water issues for our areas as well as water conservation for our county. Lots of great information was shared!

+Exploring options available to the City of Burton regarding assistance in learning more about our water system as well as how to better manage it. (TWDB, TCEQ, TEEKS, etc.)

+Set up a meeting with Susie Blake with TEEKS (part of the Texas Department of Emergency Management). She is in charge of the Water Outreach Program and can do some on-site technical assistance work with us...for free.

+Spoke with Jonathan at TCEQ regarding assistance with our water loss issues. He directed me to their program for Financial Management and Technical Assistance.

+Emailed the Councilmembers and asked them to complete a Bucket Test.

+Angela and I registered for a Local Government Seminar hosted by Olson and Olson, the law firm retained by the city. This is an all-day event in Stafford, TX. The keynote speaker that day will be Former Harris County Judge Ed Emmett. The event is free.

+Began calendaring events and activities for 2024. (City of Burton, Chamber events, local events, Burton ISD events, etc.)

+Began a 2024 Budget Preview process.

+Thank you to Glenn and Jerri Linke for the information regarding the chase and subsequent wreck that happened at the Wastewater Treatment Plant late evening on Tuesday, December 19. I followed up with the Washington County Sherriff's Dept, but the DPS will be handling the case. As of this writing, we are awaiting follow up from DPS.

+Read Council minutes from 1992-2000. Am researching an issue regarding maintenance responsibility of a culvert.

Volunteer time logged in December – 57.5 hours

Karen Buck

Secretary's Report

January 9, 2024

1. I received notification that Burton's nominee, Kalee Kalkhake, was elected to the Washington County Appraisal District.
2. Letters have been sent to 4 different property owners on Nueces St. and W. Burton St. Large rats and snakes have become an issue for neighbors due to the neglected properties.
3. I have commenced gathering information needed to do a Rate Study for the Utilities.

January Utility Report

Meeting: Jan. 9th

- 1. Had a last-minute Lead and Copper test that needed to be done by Dec 31 to ensure we were still on track for our TCEQ LEAD AND COPPER reporting. The samples and paperwork were done and turned in but we're waiting on those results to come in.**
- 2. Working on the new Lead line inventory- all the sheets are ready with labels in order with the routes. there should be no problem getting this done and turned in on time.**
- 3. Yearly reports are due within the next couple months- going to start working on those soon to stay in compliance.**
- 4. Bad weather heading our way early next week- please be prepared for a strong freeze with possible snow.**

DUSTIN- LEAK ON BRANDIE LANE

LAMSON ON BRAZOS BELLE SEWER TAP

BERNEAKE GANTT ON HOOKING UP TO CITY SEWER

WASHINGTON COUNTY APPRAISAL DISTRICT

Certification of Board Election Results

I, Dyann White, Chief Appraiser for the Washington County Appraisal District, do hereby certify the following candidates duly elected to the Board of Directors for the Washington County Appraisal District.

<u>Candidate:</u>	<u>Number of Votes:</u>
Joseph Antkowiak	<u>973</u>
Leslie Boehnemann, Jr.	<u>955</u>
Douglas Borchardt	<u>793</u>
Charles Gaskamp	<u>662</u>
Halee Stark Kalkhake	<u>956</u>

These Board members have been elected to serve a two-year term, beginning on January 1, 2024 and ending December 31, 2025.


Dyann White, Chief Appraiser

12/29/2023

Candidates	Washington County		City of Brenham		City of Burton		Brenham ISD		Burton ISD		Giddings ISD		Blinn College		TOTAL
	1,306	513	86	8	2,155	866	22	130	5,000						
Joseph Antkowiak	218	86	-	-	359	288	22	-	973						
Leslie Boehnemann, Jr.	218	85	4	-	359	289	-	-	955						
Douglas Borchardt	218	86	-	-	359	289	-	130	793						
Charles Gaskamp	218	85	-	-	359	289	-	-	662						
Halee Stark Kalkhake	217	86	4	-	360	289	-	-	956						
John Schaer	217	85	-	-	359	289	-	-	661						
Total	1,306	513	8	8	2,155	866	22	130	5,000						

Votes Received:

Results - Five Candidates Receiving the Largest Vote Totals:

Joseph Antkowiak	973
Halee Stark Kalkhake	956
Leslie Boehnemann Jr	955
Douglas Borchardt	793
Charles Gaskamp	662
John Schaer	661
Total	5,000

Declaration of winners by:

Dyanne [Signature]
Chief Appraiser

12/29/2023
Date